

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1098

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the joint staff of the  
One Hundred Fourth General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is especially fitting that the members of this General Assembly should  
pause in their deliberations to recognize and commend our legislative employees; and

WHEREAS, these individuals exhibit the highest levels of professionalism,  
determination, and dedication each and every day, often laboring long hours under trying  
conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Legal Services for the General Assembly prepares and assists  
in the preparation of legislation and amendments, reviews legislation as to form and style,  
provides legal research staff services to committees, provides abstracts and summaries of  
proposed legislation, and drafts resolutions and proclamations; and

WHEREAS, its staff, under the able leadership of Director Ellen Tewes, includes  
Attorneys Tom Tigue, Joe Barnes, Sally Swaney, Fred Standbrook, Jess Hale, Paige Seals,  
Karen Garrett, Doug Himes, Helen James, Sara Getsay, Lucian Geise, Sondra Keys, Doug  
Garrett, Emily Urban, Mona Hart, and Sean McMinn; Researchers Al Beasley, Laresha Bland,  
Wade Dye, Jackie Nash, and David Sprouse; Legislative Librarian Eddie Weeks; Office  
Services Manager Brian Heath; Executive Assistants Linda Collier, Tomi Hall, Shelley Nevitt,  
Lisa Kinzer, Sandra Whitmore, and Julie Smith; session attorney Holly Jones; session  
researchers Matt Bauer and Karen Slater; proofreaders Gibb Baxter and Kristin Dodek; word  
processors Cathy Abramowitz, Julie Turner, and Jordan Webster; and clerks Sabrina Shaw and  
Lakesa Cooper; and

WHEREAS, the employees of Legislative Information Services are dedicated to  
protecting and preserving the legislature's computer operations, maintaining the various

networks used by legislative members and staff, and ensuring the broadcast of floor sessions and committee meetings; and

WHEREAS, Legislative Information Services is under the capable leadership of Director Steve Kriegish, and its staff includes Network Administrator Manager Alan Osborne; Network Administrators Bob Trezise, Don Hirschi, and Brian Warner; Programmer/Analyst Manager Brian Lewis; Programmers/Analysts Bob Morrow, Kerry Bryan, Kimberly Allen, and Jason Dunnivant; Legislative Assistant Deb Cassetty; Administrative Analyst Tim Harris; Technical Support Specialists Lisa Guess, Donal Haggard, and George Buckner; Training Specialist Sheryl Alexander; Web Administrator Susan Starr; GIS Specialist Carolyn Anderson; and Administrative Assistant Belinda Bannister; and

WHEREAS, the astute employees of the Legislative Administration office keep track of personnel records and purchases, maintain all insurance and benefits information, oversee the internship program, and distribute items needed for legislative work; and

WHEREAS, guided by Director Connie Frederick, the office consists of Legislative Administration Manager Alice Abbey, Legislative Personnel Analyst Tammy Rather, Legislative Data Specialist Glenn Barber, Legislative Property Supervisor Dale Barnes, Legislative Administration Analyst Lynn Kovach, Legislative Procurement Specialist Mark Davidson, Legislative Supply and Inventory Technician Theron Lacy, Legislative Accounting Specialist Brenda St. John, Intern Coordinator Donna Morgan, and Executive Secretary Priscilla Warrington; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Review Committee plays a vital role in the legislative process by compiling fiscal notes, which accurately inform members of the financial impact each piece of legislation will have if passed or adopted; and

WHEREAS, its employees, under the leadership of Executive Director Jim White, are Assistant Director Dan Cooper; Committee Counsel Shilina Chatterjee; Fiscal Analysts Leni Chick, Robert Currey, Chris Eaton, Krista Lee, and Randi Troutt; and Administrative Staff David Bone, Martha Patton, and Judy Richardson; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis is responsible for conducting detailed analyses of the State's budget and the status and condition of financing State

programs, and is staffed by Director Connie Hardin; Budget Analysis Specialists David Thurman, Jimmie McCurdy, Annette Crutchfield, Cathy Higgins, and Roark Brown; Lee Harrell; John Paysinger; and Executive Assistant Dora Babb; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Minority Affairs is staffed by Barbara Nance, Yolanda Arnold, and Yolanda Dancer; and

WHEREAS, the Select Oversight Committee on TennCare is staffed by Melvin Everette and Ryan Bouldin; and

WHEREAS, the Select Committee on Children and Youth is served by Cindy Perry and Debbie Gazzaway; and

WHEREAS, the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections is served by Claire Drowota and Judy Sullivan; and

WHEREAS, the Facilities Management staff, under the guidance of Director Skip Butler, includes Ken White, Fred Field, Josh Church, Homer Malone, Herbert Malone, Corey Williams, Gwendolyn Holmes, and Gloria Nunn; the Mail Room staff, consists of Bill Howse, Larry Street, and David Peeler; and

WHEREAS, Legislative Nurse Diane Hall is always prepared to attend to the health needs of each legislative employee and member; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary assistance provided by each of these joint legislative employees is essential to the efficient and orderly operation of this Body, and it is fitting that we pause to express our deep appreciation for their professional and dedicated services; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend each and every employee of the Office of Legal Services, Legislative Information Services, Legislative Administration, the Fiscal Review Committee, the Office of Legislative Budget Analysis, the Office of Minority Affairs, the Select Committee on Children and Youth, the Select Oversight Committee on Corrections, Facilities Management, and the Legislative Nurse for their professional approach to their respective

duties, their numerous abilities, their willingness to work in difficult situations and circumstances, their dedication to the legislative process, and their loyalty to the members of this Body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation for each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.